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SUBJECT: GVN TO OPEN EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO; EX FOREIGN MINISTER
HUERTA TO BE CHILEAN UNREP

1. EVENING JULY 10 VISITING GVN FOREIGN MINISTER VUONG VAN BAC AWARDED DECORATION TO RETIRING GOC FOREIGN MINISTER ADMIRAL ISMAEL HUERTA. AFTER CEREMONY, VUONG INFORMED ME THAT GVN WOULD SOON OPEN EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO, INDICATING GVN INTENDS ESTABLISH SEVERAL OTHER POSTS IN SOUTH AMERICA AND WILL PURSUE MORE ACTIVE POLICY THERE. GVN INTERESTS ARE AT PRESENT HANDLED FROM BUENOS AIRES.

2. AT SAME CEREMONY HUERTA TOLD ME HE WOULD BE NAMED CHILEAN UN REP, REPLACING BAZAN. THIS NEWS CARRIED AS A "RELIABLE REPORT" IN JULY 11 SANTIAGO PRESS.

3. COMMENT: WHILE HUERTA RECORD AS FOREIGN MINISTER WAS NOT OUTSTANDING, HE IS WELL INFORMED, HARD HEADED, PERSONALLY FRIENDLY INDIVIDUAL WHOSE PERSONALITY SHOULD GO DOWN BETTER IN NEW YORK THAN BAZAN'S. HE WILL BE EQUALLY RESPONSIVE TO US VIEWPOINTS.
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